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Nation-Wide Call For Clothing As N. A. E. Opens War Relief Campaign

Appeal To Be Broadcast Over Several Hundred Radio Programs

BOSTON, Sept. 7 — Plans are rapidly assuming final form in the nation-wide campaign to bring relief to the war stricken countries of Europe under the auspices of the Commission for Post War Relief of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Conferences with representatives of U.N.R.R.A. and the President's War Relief Control Board in Washington have resulted in an understanding which will permit N.A.E. to function as a recognized agency for gathering funds and supplies in this country. Conferences with the representatives of several foreign countries have established the fact that our assistance is desired and most urgently needed.

Mr. Neal Newman, formerly general sales manager of the Crosley Corporation, and now president of the Philadelphia Auditing and Accounting Co., is actively assisting in forging the national campaign to contact over 900 gospel broadcasters, 300 religious periodicals, and thousands of churches with an appeal for immediate assistance.

While the principal need is clothing, more clothing, and still more clothing, there also will be the need of many thousands of dollars in cash. It is hoped and believed that all the work except that of the full time director and several office secretaries will be done by volunteers, so that the overhead will be kept at a minimum figure.

A warehouse of sufficient size to permit a force of 150 volunteers to work at one time, and space for at least 1000 tons of baled goods is being sought on the eastern seaboard.

A special appeal will go to the churches of the selected port to secure at least 400 volunteers to assist in sorting and packaging that three shifts of four hours each be established to enable workers to come at times which suit their varied situations. Due the donations. It is proposed to a serious shortage of warehouse space, the decision regarding the port to be selected is still pending.

There are numerous secular and governmental agencies already established which are doing excellent work. However, there seems to be no other relief agency of national proportions which represents conservative Protestantism, according to offi-

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Chilton's Corner

READING THE BOOK

rusing an old book, the editor vered some reminiscences of l days written by a student hundred and forty-five years The scholar was a pupil of Rev. Drury Lacy. This school- informs us, that on one oc- n, "While reading one of the s of the Pentateuch, Mr. y stopped a lad with the ques-

'Tom Miller, can you tell me was Moses's father?'

'Jethro, Sir,' was the prompt wer.

'Why, you little dog, Jethro his father-in-law.'

Then putting the question to or five by name, not one of n could answer, he berated soundly for their careless- and inattention to reading, g, "'When you were reading week, William Cook read the containing the name of s, and have you all forgotten ready?'

Just then a young man caught name, and unable to repeat verse of the Bible, repeated a of the line from Milton— potent rod of Amram's son'

'Ah that is the way you your Bible—get it out of books—that little you know ;' and with an exceeding so- manner and tone the teacher d, 'and so it is with us all; a terrible proof of our deep vity it is, that we relish and mber anything better than BOOK!'"

not this, also, our condemna- and our calamity, that we sh and remember anything r than THE BOOK?" Does this explain the confusion of thinking, the weakness of our ts, the limitation of our hing and the inadequacy of live?

ading about the Bible may and flatter the head, but ing and remembering the purifies the heart. The for- may give literary finish: the r alone can create a saving stry.

we give proof of the same avity? Are the folks of 1944 y of greater neglect of THE K than the folks of 1799?

RAVE DIGGERS

mericans will soon be read- the work entitled "The Grave ers of France." Despite its th, it will capture the public

this book, the author sets the causes of the swift and eful fall of France.

e fears that there are "Grave ers" of America. These are imited to the political field— are discovered also in the re- s realm. Men who preach ther gospel which is not an- ," not only earn the right to ame name, but must be re- d as the greater menace.

LD GLORY" is somehow d up with the "OLD STORY." stand or fall together.

W YORK, Sept. 9 — A very ortant meeting of the pas- and Christian business- of New York and vicini- ill be held at Calvary Bap- Church on Thursday, Sept. t 10 a. m., to plan a me- conference on evangelism e held Jan. 7 to 14, 1945. Christian leaders are d to attend.

Gospel Broadcasters Of The Nation To Meet In Chicago

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 29— Dr. William Ward Ayer, Chairman of the Committee for Organization of the National Evangelical Broadcasters which was set up last April at Columbus, announces that the Constitutional Convention will be held in Chicago at Moody Memorial Church on Thursday, September 21. There will be sessions all day, commencing at 10 A. M. The evening will be devoted to a mass meeting to which the public is cordially invited.

Hundreds of invitations have been sent out to the sponsors of gospel broadcasts, but the committee realizes that its list is far from complete and wishes it to be known that all who are in any way concerned with the future of gospel broadcasting shall feel welcome to attend this very important convention.

A feature of the day will be a special session on the subject of Foerign Missionary Radio. Rev. Clarence Jones of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, and Rev. Jacobsen of Shanghai, China, are expected to be present. Mr. Howard W. Ferrin of Providence, Rhode Island will preside at this session.

William Ward Ayer

Thousands Hear Gil Dodds Preach In Montana

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 7 — A great Christ for America campaign has reached about 50,000 people in the Northwest. Radio was used in many of the 16 centers visited, and many were won to Christ.

Gil Dodds, the world champion miler, was one member of the five in this group. Their efforts have been richly blessed. In Helena recently, 25 young people came out for Christ after one evening meeting. Thousands more were reached at the Fall Fair in Billings.

A moving-picture story of the trip has been filmed by the group as they have gone. This will be shown in many Eastern churches this fall.

The work up in the Northwest needs the prayerful support of all, as the people are sin-crusted. They came there not for God, but for gold. The follow-up work by the faithful Christians, especially, needs prayer.

Lutheran Youth To Stress Aid To Service Men

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 8 (RNS)—A program for 1945, which will include emphasis on aid to returning service men, evangelization as an antidote to juvenile deliquency, and an expanded Bible-reading and prayer crusade, has been announced by Young People's Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

"Christ Is The Answer" will be the theme of the program, formulated for 2,500 local organizations and 80,000 leaguers at a three-day annual meeting of the league's board here.

The leagues were told to "make every effort to give service men a real welcome home, and to help them fit into their home communities and churches again."

To reach a larger number of young people in an effort to combat deliquency, the board issued a call to a Luther League evangelist to conduct spiritual life conferences.

Plans were made to cooperate with the American Bible Society in a nation-wide Bible-reading program between Thanksgiving and Christmas and to increase number of league members in the Pocket Testament League.

Dulles Expected To Resign As Head Of Commission

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (RNS)— John Foster Dulles is expected to resign as chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace within the next few weeks because of the press of his activities as foreign affairs adviser to Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican nominee for president.

Mr. Dulles, New York corporation lawyer, has headed the Commission since it was created by the Federal Council of Churches early in 1942, and was a leader in drawing up the Commission's widely-publicized "Six Pillars of Peace," a statement of post-war principles.

Mr. Dulles has been mentioned as probable Secretary of State if the Republican Party is victorious in November.

It is possible that his resignation may be submitted to the Federal Council's executive committee as its meeting on Sept. 12. He attempted to resign last May, but was prevailed upon to continue as chairman at that time.

Religious Celebration Of V-Day Asked By War Dads

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (RNS) Sept. 11. — The American War Dads throughout the nation are being urged by their national executive director to make V-Day in Europe one of prayer.

H. Roe Bartle, national executive director of the organization, in a letter to the 511 chapters, urged the War Dads to take the leadership in their communities in sponsoring a sane and religious celebration of the end of the European war.

"Blood is still being spilled every moment in the Pacific," Bartle said. "In my opinion a V-Day hilarious celebration and drunken brawl in any community would be nothing short of sacrilege—an insult to our flesh and blood and a disgrace to the principles for which we are fighting.

"When the news of victory crosses the Atlantic, the American War Dads propose that every American bow his head and offer thanks to Almighty God for the victory.

"Let us open every house of worship in the land for praise and prayer, for meditation, for individual and mass rededicatory services."

New England Pastors Urged to Attend Fall Conference, Oct. 15 to 20, in Boston

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 12—Our readers in the New England area are asked to take special note of the evangelistic conference that is to be held at the Park Street Church in Boston, Oct. 15-20. This series of meetings are especially blessed with such outstanding speakers as Dr. Paul Rees of Minneapolis, one of the few outstanding preachers and evangelists in America today, and Robert Munger, pastor of So. Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Calif., bringing clear, distinct Bible studies that will be a blessing to pastors and laymen alike. Mr. Munger is a young preacher who is already attracting nation-wide attention because of his preaching ability.

In answering the need of the Sunday School situation, New England will be extremely fortunate to have the hearing of Miss Henrietta Mears, who has taken the methods of D. L. Moody in building up the Sunday School of the Hollywood Presbyterian Church from a small membership until now it numbers more than 4000 young people of all ages meeting every week.

F. Carlton Booth of Providence Bible Institute and the Word of Life Hour will be in charge of the music during this period, being ably assisted by Mr. Arthur Bowler and his talented wife, the former Ruth Anna Thomas, who is well known to all New England, playing for years at the Tremont Temple in Boston, and over the Twilight Hour at 6 in the evening every Sunday. With this splendid talent, the musical end of these services are assured a success.

To round out the program to reach all people, Miss Rae Serio, a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will give her specialized messages and object lessons to the young people. Testimonials from such men as Dr. Brownville of Tremont Temple; Dr. Purdy of the First Baptist Church of Asbury be unusual in that it will have president of the Eastern Baptist Seminary, as well as many other outstanding preachers of the Eastern coast, recommend this servant of the Lord very highly as a real power in presenting the gospel to young people.

The conference this year will Park, N. J.; and Dr. Palmer a noon hour program every weekday and afternoon discussion periods on Sunday School problems, and the evening services with Dr. Paul Rees and Mr. Munger bringing the main messages. New England pastors everywhere are requested to remember these dates and be present for this series of meetings.

For the first 100 pastors writing in, accomodations will be taken care of for entertainment, with the exception of breakfast. Address your reservations to Dr. J. Wesley Huber, executive secretary, Evangelistic Conference, Room 600, Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.

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While it is our purpose that relief shall be offered without regard to race or religion and while we do not wish to use our giving merely as a means of propaganda for the Protestant faith, we would certainly lose an unparalleled opportunity to supply a service which cannot be provided in any other way if we failed to put forth every effort in this crisis in behalf of these needy people. We will work only in those areas where the governments open the door to us with a full understanding of our mission. Several governments have already assured us that we will have their hearty cooperation.

The machinery for distribution in most areas can be set up with a minimum of expense as N.A.E. will work through missionary organizations already in the field.

In addition to clothing there will be need of liberal cash donations to pay for warehousing and transportation. We are confident that the evangelicals of America will need no urging to do their best and do it at once. Winter will soon be here. The need is not only for action BUT FOR ACTION NOW!

J.E.W.

Roving Reporter

Dr. Bob Jones, Dr.
Goebelein and Mr. Leon
van were the principal
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held at the First Baptist C
of Asbury Park, N. Y., this
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Jack Wyrtzen, whose
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Gaebelein and Mr. Leon
van were the principal
at the annual Bible con
held at the First Baptist Ch
of Asbury Park, N. Y., this
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Jack Wyrtzen, whose Word
Life Hour has a large liste
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board, and whose recent Mad
son Square Garden audie
eclipsed all records for such
gathering in Gotham, is not
high-hat to consider the
of small communities. He sp
the first week of September
with Carlton Booth and Norm
Clayton, holding services in
rural areas of Vermont where
audience of 200 is a thing
note. Another similar trip
be made into Maine in the
future. He recognizes the
that these small places are
cellent "fishing ground."

The Birmingham Gospel Tab
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for funds, which will con
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raised. Rev. Glenn Tingley
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The nationwide survey of
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been conducted during the
months is nearly completed.
preliminary report was read
April at the Columbus conv
tion. The complete report
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tion. It is interesting and
be secured by all who are in
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N. A. E. is in need of thre
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which is being established.
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Boston office.

Rev. Milville G. Hatcher,
secretary for evangelism, is
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held. He will be leaving for
South within a few days for
series of conferences with
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Fifteen hundred minister
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the following result:
46% believed in a personal
40% believed in angels.
90% disbelieved in hell.
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11% believed in virgin birth
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has lost its grip on the

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DENVER Colo., Sept 1—A
day conference on evang
held here drew delegations
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All sessions were held in
Evangelical Free Church. Dr.
Decker, first Vice-President
N.A.E. was the guest sp
Specialists in many field
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This series was planned
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Great Commission Prayer League Urges Special Intercession

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 8—Israel's ay of Atonement (September , 1944) will find heavier hearts an at any time this century. rible sufferings heralded to e ends of the earth, are known us all who read the news or t reports over the radio. Ears ve tingled at tidings of whole- le massacres of defenseless ws. Your own heart has been ieved over the anguish of the attered nation. You have had, common with the generality of ristians, a heart of compassion. d has noticed this kind of emo- n. He will regard your silent y. He notices your concern for s suffering people.

Helpless as you feel you are aid the Jewish people, you can least pray for them and also list prayer for them. God wants ur prayers. Psalm 122:6, Ro- ns 10:1 and Hebrews 13:3 in- ate this. He tells you to re- mber those who are in adver- y "as being yourselves also in body." Remember your life is posed to peril. Quickly good be exchanged for evil, and ly God can turn evil into good. We have no fear that war will ll over into our country; yet uble of another sort can come. need God's watch care. There- e let us remember others while s well with us.

elp to stir up prayer for Is- l. Get the League's poster an- uncing a Day of prayer for Is- l now ready for mailing. Bring Day of Prayer to the atten- n of Christians. Do all you can help enlist prayer. Send for rature and posters. Ask God at share you should have in ting posters to people who will y. Arrange meetings. Encour- people to gather in Missions, mes and churches. Above all, y. Pray as Whitefield once did en he visited a synagogue, t "God would open their eyes and remove the veil from their heart."

And will you pray also for the Lord's provision through His people, for the printing and early mailing of copies of this call to prayer to thousands of God's people who ought to be linked together in this fellowship of prayer for Israel.

Appelman Campaigns Conducted At St. Paul and St. Louis

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 5. —To the praise and glory of God, in the last four revivals conducted by Evangelist Hyman Appelman, upon the two invitations to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, or to come into the fellowship of the Church, there were beyond 70 in the Armor Heights Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., there were beyond 350 in St. Paul, Minn., there were beyond 150 in Minneapolis, Minn., and more than 500 in St. Louis, Mo.

New Bishop Takes Over Biggest Church

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (RNS)—Dr. Newell S. Booth, newly-elected Methodist Bishop of Africa, will leave the United States late this month to take over duties of Bishop John M. Springer who resigned recently after 40 years missionary service in Africa.

Bishop Booth's jurisdiction includes the Belgian Congo, Angola, Southern Rhodesia, the Union of South Africa, and Portuguese East Africa, and is the widest ecclesiastical jurisdiction administered by one man in all Africa.

Bishop Booth is 40 years old, one of the youngest Methodist bishops ever elected. Prior to his election, he had been a missionary in the Belgian Congo for 10 years.

Hundreds Of Missionaries Evacuated From Menaced Chinese Areas; Catholics Stay At Posts

KWEILIN, China, Sept. 6 (RNS) — A total of 325 refugee have been evacuated through the missionaries and their families have been evacuated through Kweilin, gateway to southwest China, in the past three and one-half months as the Japanese have moved down the Canton-Hankow railway and threatened to cut off their stations from contact with the outside world.

Mission stations in the provinces of Kiangsi, Chekiang, Fukien, and Kwantung — all east of the railway — and in Hunan, where the fighting has been centered, are almost entirely depleted of foreign personnel today.

The evacuees are largely British and American. Their exodus has been facilitated by consulates of the United States and Great Britain, and army transports of the two powers have aided in carrying the refugees from airfields in lower Kiangsi to Kweilin and from there to places farther west.

Not all the missionaries in southeastern China have yet been removed. One party is now enroute from Fukien along the one highway west, and will be picked up by plane or truck in Kanchow soon. A few missionaries have resolved to stay at their posts and risk capture and isolation.

The current Japanese offensive started in Honan province north of the Yangtze in mid-April. It quickly occupied most of that province, and missionaries there and in upper Anhwei barely escaped with their lives. Many have returned to their homes in Britain, Canada, Australia, and America, and others are at work in Free China.

A month after the Honan campaign the Japanese started to move in Hunan province south of the Yangtze. In mid-May, foreign residents of Hunan and areas of China east of the Hsiangtan-Hengyang-Kweilin railway system were warned of the Japanese offensive and its obvious goal of cutting China in half. They were told to remove themselves if they could possibly do so or risk capture or complete isolation for the duration.

Upper Hunan was a strong American Presbyterian field. Methodists were active in Kiangsi and Fukien. Baptists were strong in Kwangtung and Hunan. A Presbyterian hospital in Hengyang was successfully evacuated to Tushan farther west before Hengyang fell on Aug. 7. Some of the worst sufferers from the offensive have been the schools and colleges which were situated in upper Kwangtung province around Kukong. These included Lingnan University, Soochow University, the government Sun Yat-sen University, and numbers of middle schools.

Of the evacuated personnel, some have been contracted to the Chaplain's Corps of the U. S. Army in the China-Burma-India theater. Medical missionaries have found assignments also with the Army. Others have taken up work in Kweiyang, Tushan, and other border cities, or farther inland in Free China. Most families and missionaries who were ready for furlough have gone home.

British Columbia Schools Open With Bible Reading

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 5 (RNS)—Thousands of British Columbia children returned to school and for the first time in history a select passage of the Bible was read to them as classrooms opened.

Under an amendment to the Schools Act, passed at the last session of the Legislature, the school day must be opened by reading of a passage from the Bible, chosen by the Council of Public Instruction and the superintendent of education.

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he areas to be covered are y partially outlined at present. gium, Netherlands, and France definitely be included. The ribution in each instance will handled by existing organiza- in these countries. Negotia- s are under way to work ough the Christian Reformed ups in the Netherlands, the gian Gospel Mission in Bel- m, and the French Protestant rch in France.

hose who desire to volunteer r personal service or who e clothing to offer should note ouncements which will be e over many radio programs in churches affiliated with .E. throughout the United es. These will announce the tion of the offices and ware- e as soon as they are estab- d. Meanwhile, it is urged the work of gathering and aging the clothing for ship- t be commenced at once. Do ship worn out clothing or s. Soiled clothing should be sed or laundered.

Northern Baptist Assembly Grounds Formally Dedicated

GREEN LAKE, Wisc., Sept. 6 (RNS) — The Northern Baptist Convention's recently acquired 1,000-acre assembly ground here was formally dedicated "as a place which will furnish a blueprint to everyone who comes here by which they may build their lives."

Those were the words of the Rev. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church at St. Louis, Mo., in his dedicatory sermon, after Mrs. Leslie Swain of Providence, R. I., president of the Convention, had emphasized the need for a "contagious Christianity undergirded by consecration and stewardship."

"Northern Baptist Assembly" was chosen as the official name for the site when a special committee rejected all entries submitted in a contest for a new name.

The hotel on the grounds was renamed "Roger Williams Inn," and the garden lodge, a prominent meeting place, was named "Brayton Case Hall," in honor of the famous agricultural missionary with Gen. Stillwel's army in China who recently drowned. The assembly hall was named "Moorehouse Hall," and the large tower overlooking the lake was named "Judson Tower," in honor of the Rev. Adoniram Judson, first Baptist missionary to Burma.

John Dawson of Chicago, chairman of the Committee of Fifteen representing the National Council of Baptist Laymen, presented the first Founder's Bond to James L. Kraft, prominent Baptist layman. The organization is seeking to raise $225,000 to pay the balance owed to the assembly property.

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General Assembly, Church of God

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 12— The Thirty-ninth General Assembly of the Church of God convened in Columbus, Ohio, in the Memorial Hall, August 28-September 1, 1944. The attendance was between five and six thousand. Yearly reports showed a substantial increase in membership, both in the United States and in various mission fields.

John C. Jernigan, former state superintendent of Florida, was elected by popular vote of the Bishops in Council to the office of General Overseer, to succeed J. H. Walker, who had held the position for a period of nine years, during whose administration the Church had enjoyed a favorable increase in every department. Mr. Walker has accepted the presidency of the Church of God Bible Training School and College at Sevierville, Tenn., upon the resignation of Zeno C. Tharp, who had held the presidency for the past nine years. At present dormitories and a gymnasium are under construction, at a valuation of $140,000.

Changes

The most outstanding change in administrative policy of the Church was the dividing of the United States into six districts, over which there was placed an Assistant General Overseer in each respective territory. It is to be hoped that this new feature of added supervision will effect a favorable increase in evangelism by utilization of all available ministerial manpower.

The Northeastern District, over which Paul H. Walker, former superintendent of Michigan, was appointed, includes North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and District of Columbia.

The North Central District, over which E. W. Williams, former superintendent of Ohio, was appointed, includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The Southeastern District, over which E. L. Simmons, former superintendent of West Virginia, was appointed, includes Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The South Central District, over which A. V. Beaube, former superintendent of Georgia, was appointed, includes Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The Northwestern District, over which H. L. Chester, former superintendent of North Carolina, was appointed, includes Nebraska, No. Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota.

The Western District, over which J. D. Bright, former superintendent of Tennessee, was appointed, includes California, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Washington, Oregon, and Nevada.

Literature Board

A board consisting of five men, the president of which is Editor-in-Chief, now filled by F. W. Lemons, formerly National Service Pastor, was set up to provide materials for Sunday School and youth literature and tracts. This institution was long overdue and is expected to result in a substantial increase and improvement in both of the fields here mentioned.

Evangelism

Was a keynote of the discussions of the Bishops in Council. It is argued that the intake of the Church is controlled particularly through evangelism. Therefore, special emphasis was placed upon evangelistic endeavor.

Missions

M. P. Cross was again appointed as Executive Mission Secretary, now entering his third year of service in this department. Reception into our mission fellowship of some 25,000 members of "a precious like faith" in Latin America seemed a strong possibility.

E. C. Clark, Managing Editor

Defenseless Mennonites Cool On Union

BERNE, Ind., Sept. 8 (RNS)— Delegates at the conference of the Defenseless Mennonites of North America here, by failing to take action on a proposal to merge with the Missionary Church Association, indicated a lukewarm attitude toward the union plan which had previously been approved by the latter communion.

Instead they authorized that a copy of the proposed constitution of union be printed and circularized by the joint unity committee among the constituency during the next conference year. M. L. Klopfenstein, Grabill, Ind., secretary, said it is possible the churches of the denomination may be asked to vote on the merger plan within the year.

The communion, a branch of the Amish Mennonite Church, separated from the main body in 1866 over the question of conversion. More than 100 delegates from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Kansas attended.

Armin Gesswein Enjoys Successful Ministry at Forestville Conference

BRISTOL, Conn., Sept. 6 (Special to NEA)—A blessed and fruitful convention, the eighth annual meeting of the Forestville Bible Association, has just concluded. Rev. Armin R. Gesswein of Gordon College spoke with power and blessing at most of the evening sessions and also conducted a daily afternoon Bible study. Other speakers included Rev. David Carlson of Cranston, R. I., who brought the opening message. Mr. Carl Gough was conference pianist and had charge of the young people's sessions. Rev. Edward Hanson was song leader. Several other speakers assisted in the day services.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mr. Victor Olson of Bristol, Conn.; vice-president, Mr. Gustaf Highberg of Hartford; treasurer, Mr. Eric Bolin of Bridgeport; financial secretary, Mr. S. P. Landall of Salem, Mass.; chairman of Promotional Committee, Rev. Edward Hanson of New Britain; vice-chairman of the Promotional Committee, Mr. Arvid Carlson of New Britain.

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By C. Stacey Woods

A Letter to N.A.E. Pastors About the College Young People in Their Churches.

Dear Pastor:

Some months ago I received a letter from a midwest pastor giving the names of two of his young people—a young man and a young woman—and the college and the university they were entering as freshmen in different parts of the country. He asked if Intervarsity Christian Fellowship could help him to help them.

Their names were immediately given to Intervarsity staff members who wrote to them, and a short time afterward were on their campuses in personal touch with them.

The boy had gone to a state university. At first the shock of direct contact with unbelief, worldliness and sin had numbed him! He felt that he was alone in a hostile world where everything he believed and did was questioned, and often ridiculed. But it was not long before a knock on his door was the entrance to a group of some forty enthusiastic Christian students, the Intervarsity chapter on that campus. When the staff member looked him up, already he had made some strong friendships with Christians and was infast and soul in a program of Bible study and witness. Best of all, he had found another believer on his dorm floor. They were meeting for special prayer each day. They were starting a weekly "pajama" Bible discussion group in his room for the fellows on his floor, and those two Christians planned to be room-mates the next semester.

With Gwen, the girl in this story, it was different. She had gone to a women's college in the South. While quite a few of the students attended church, there seemed little evidence of spiritual reality in their lives, and there was nothing of a Christian organization on the campus.

When Miss Blank, of Intervarsity called on her, she was terribly lonely and discouraged. She felt the churches of the town were horribly different from her home church. In fact, everything suffered by comparison with home. After several heart to heart talks, and prayer with the staff member, Gwen began to see herself and her college in a new light. The college was her mission field. The Lord Jesus had sent her there to represent Him. Gwen and Miss Blank covenanted to pray each day that God would raise up a group of real Christians in that college to witness for Christ and to lead others to faith in Him.

Yes, you can guess the end of that story. Today there is a small but effective group of Christian girls in that college. They are growing spiritually through the opposition that they sometimes meet. Best of all, there have been two or three girls recently who have joined this group in their stand for Him.

PASTOR—have any of the young folk from your church and Sunday School left home for college this fall? If they have gone to a secular school they face the toughest period of testing in their experience. The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship wants to help you to carry on your ministry to them there. Won't you write us at 64 E. Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois, and give us their names and the colleges. We shall do our utmost to look them up and visit them personally, and to help them to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." The strategic time to make this contact is in the Fall before they become immersed in the whirl of college life, or grow cold and hard toward the things of God through lack of fellowship and other believers and through the impact of materialistic opposition.

Sincerely your in Christ,

C. Stacey Woods, Gen. Sec.

Poles Create Bureau For Affairs Of Religious Creeds

MOSCOW, Sept. 5 (By Wireless) (RNS)—The Polish Committee of National Liberation has created a Bureau for Affairs of Religious Creeds to regulate all religious questions arising in liberated Poland.

Operating under the direct supervision of the main committee, the Bureau will be in charge of such problems as church reconstruction and the registration of church property stolen and ruined by the Germans during their occupation of Poland.

Seek Increased Interest in Bible Teaching

ASHEVILLE, N. C. Sept (RNS) — Pamphlets "Why the Bible in the Schools" are being distrib to church-goers here by white and Negro minister stimulate interest in teaching Bible in the high schools of city.

The pamphlet was prepar by the Schools Committee, distributed them to white Negro ministers at a joint ing held in the Central Me ist Church. The pamphlets being distributed at r church services.

Congregationalist Urge Interest In N. A. E.

FINDLAY, O., Sept. 5 — annual conference of the E gelical Congregational Dena tion, which was held rece passed a motion urging that pastors and people acquaint selves with the work of the tional Association of Evange and also voted that a spe from N. A. E. be invited to dress the next annual s which is to be held at Dixo The denomination has a me ship of about 25,000.

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arker Named Director Of ongregational Radio Department

EW YORK, Sept. 8 (RNS)— Congregational Christian urches have named the Rev. rett C. Parker, assistant to the nager of the Public Service De- tment of the National Broad- ting Company, as director of denomination's newly-created io Department.

radio committee has also n organized, with Ronald iges, moderator of the Con- gational Christian Churches, hairman, it was announced by Truman B. Douglass, execu- vice-president of the Board Home Missions, which will be charge of the denominational o project.

was emphasized that the vices of the radio department be conducted on an interde- inational basis, and will not confined to Congregational rches and organizations.

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Protestant Mission Boards Make Plans For Resuming Work In Japan

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (RNS)—Creation of a Committee on Cooperation in Japan, to study methods of establishing contact with the Church of Christ in Japan after the war's termination, is being considered by 20 Protestant foreign mission boards affiliated with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

The proposed Committee will consist of representatives from denominations which before the war carried on mission projects in Japan and will serve as a channel through which the denominations may cooperate in resuming relations with the Christian church in Japan.

A number of denominational mission boards have already given approval to plans for establishment of such a Committee, according to Joe J. Mickle, Associate Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference. A first meeting of the Committee has been set tentatively for late September.

Kentucky's Attorney General Urges Court Test On Bus Law

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 5 (RNS)—Kentucky's Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit has recommended a court test for the state's new law authorizing counties to provide free bus service to Catholic and other private school children.

Responding to a query from Fayette County Attorney Samuel H. Cole as to whether the county could transport county children to city schools, Dummit advised that county fiscal courts obtain higher court approval before appropriating funds for transporting other than public school pupils, and also before using general fund money for any school purpose.

The Fayette Fiscal Court, at Lexington, promptly decided that Fayette County children who attend private and parochial schools would have to make their own transportation arrangements.

A 1940 Kentucky law requiring school districts to furnish such transportation was invalidated by the State Court of Appeals as unconstitutional use of public money.

Kentucky's Legislature this year passed an act giving county fiscal court discretionary power to use county road funds for bus service for any children attending school under the state compulsory education act who were more than a "reasonable walking distance" from school where sidewalks are lacking.

Cole, in asking the attorney general's opinion, said it seemed to him the 1944 statute was in violation of the Court of Appeals ruling.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Louisville that Jefferson County does not contemplate any change in its pupil transportation plans, despite Dummit's opinion. Jefferson County School Superintendent Orville Stivers said the Jefferson Fiscal Court appropriated $500 for transportation of both public and private school children in the next school term.

Declaring that Dummit's opinion "was a new one" to him, the Rev. F. N. Pitt of Louisville, chairman of the Jefferson County Catholic School Board, commented: "Catholic schools have always considered themselves as operating under the compulsory attendance law. We have to make attendance reports to Frankfort."

Father Pitt said seven of the nine Catholic schools in Jefferson County planned to use free transportation under the 1944 law.

Head Of Tenn. State Guard Asks V-Day Prayers

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11 (RNS)—In general orders to the State Guard on the observance of V-Day in Tennessee, State Adj. Gen. T. A. Frazier called for Tennesseans to proceed immediately to the nearest church for prayers of thanksgiving.

"It is appropriate and incumbent that this be the first action of a peace-loving, God-fearing people," he said.

Following church services, Tennesseans are asked to assemble in public parks for parade formations. Senior state guard officers, Gen. Frazier said, will confer with pastors, public officials, and civic and patriotic bodies to insure "orderly planning in each community for V-Day celebrations."

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. PAUL, Minn. Sept. 11) — Minnesota's governor, ard J. Thye, has received a r of appreciation from Jap- e-Americans in Hawaii king the people of Minne- for the "many acts of kind- shown Japanese-American ers stationed at Camp Sav- Minn.

e letter was presented the rnor by Dr. Gregg M. Sin- president of the Univer- f Hawaii, Honolulu, who is ing his first visit to the Uni- tates since 1937.

a reciprocal gesture, the lulu emergency service nittee, sponsors of the let- promised a Hawaiian luau, e feast, for 500 Minnesota soon at the outdoor theater niversity of Hawaii.

imilar event for Wisconsin ers in appreciation of hos- ty shown Japanese-Ameri- at Camp McCoy, Wisc., was several months ago.

rches and religious groups Minneapolis and St. Paul been active in aiding the and a hostel for Japanese- icans has been established inneapolis by the United ran Church in America.

icemen Deplete Stocks to n Foreign Languages

W YORK, Sept. 7 (RNS) — the Bible by U. S. service for learning foreign lan- has depleted stocks of ural writings in certain Far n and South American di- the American Bible Society . Among those no longer able are Bibles in Urdu, Si- Hindi, Mortlock, and the of the Marshall, Gilbert, aroline Islands.

es in the South American of Aymara, Quechua, and are also close to exhaus- Scriptures in Japanese, Chi- nd Korean are running low. situation is aggravated by iculty of getting shipments s from the British and For- ible Society in London.

e there is no serious short- missionary and church for civilian use in this , gift edition Bibles, par- y those printed on India nd bound in fine leather, tically non-existent.

Skipper Holds Bible Readings

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 10 (RNS)—Every Sunday morning before the S. S. Theodore Roosevelt leaves her pier here for Cedar Point, Ohio, Capt. Harry Delatre, the skipper, gathers officers and mates to the *fo'c'sle* for bible reading and a wee bit of a sermon.

The skipper, who has been aboard the ship for many years, is a "stickler" for decorum on his vessel and religion is not overlooked on Sunday morning.

Cedar Point is a Great Lakes resort and the steamer frequently carries 1,700 passengers on Sunday trips.

Bishop Dan T. Muse Speaker At Beech Springs Camp Meeting

ANDERSON, S. C., Sept. 10—Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, reports a season of rich spiritual blessing at the Beech Springs Camp Meeting.

Present to minister the Word were Bishop Dan. T. Muse of Oklahoma City, Rev. J. Louis Coward of Greer, S. C., Rev. James Taylor of Honea Path, Rev. F. M. Bramlett, former Conference superintendent, Rev. R. G. Thomas of Sandy Springs, as well as Mr. Taylor and others. The tabernacle seats about 2000, but is insufficient to seat the crowds that have attended. There have been many conversions this season.

Brethren to Send Heifers to Germany and Japan

GOSHEN, Ind., Sept. 9 (RNS)—After the war the Dunkard Brethren will send heifers anywhere they can—Japan and Germany included—according to Dan West, peace education director of the Brethren Service Committee and originator of the church's plan for supplying heifers and calves to war victims.

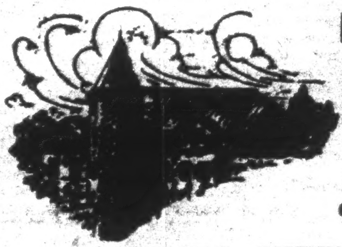
More than 1,000 heifers are now being raised by Brethren in many Northern states earmarked for shipment to liberated countries. The Brethren hope to send some to Spain and France by late fall. Last month 22 heifers, all with calf, were sent to Puerto Rico, where a serious milk shortage exists. Because of the war, no shipments have been made to Europe so far.

Dr. Charles C. Brooks Appointed Dean Of Men At Wheaton College

A new Dean of Men has been appointed at Wheaton College. He is Dr. Charles C. Brooks, for 14 years the superintendent of the Methodist Navajo Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico. Dr. Brooks is a graduate of Wheaton, graduating with the class of 1918. In 1942 he was honored with a degree of LL.D. from his alma mater.

Dr. Brooks is the new president of the Southwestern Bible and Missionary Conference at Flagstaff, Arizona, succeeding the late Charles H. Troutman.

In taking over his duties as Dean of Men, Dr. Brooks succeeds Dr. Paul Culley who is now director of Missionary training and will devote his full time to teaching, research, and departmental work.



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Evangelism In Rescue Missions

Rev. Herbert E. Eberhardt
Superintendent, Wheeler Rescue Mission, Indianapolis, Indiana

(Address delivered at the Work-Study Group, Columbus Convention, April 14, 1944).

Evangelism may be centripetal, expending its energies inwardly upon itself as the object—or centrifugal, reaching from the center and constantly extending its borders, giving out instead of drawing in. The first type is characterized by the world "come", the second by the word "go". Here is an interesting contrast. In salvation we place the emphasis upon a four letter word "done" rather than the two letter word "do". But in evangelism it is just the reverse. Now the emphasis should be upon the two letter word "go" rather than the four letter word "come".

At once we recognize that too much of our evangelistic effort has after all been centripetal—we have said "come" — come to our meetings, come to our Bible conference, etc. On the other hand Jesus said "go"—"go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel", "go into the highways and byways", "go into all the world"—"Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth". "Go! Go! Go!" That is centrifugal evangelism, the only kind that will survive and succeed.

This is the type of evangelism which the rescue mission seeks to conduct. The mission has no membership, no affiliation, no end in itself, no organizational slogans or goals, which is a tremendous advantage in keeping alive the vicarious type of evangelistic effort.

Three things characterize the evangelism of the rescue mission:

First, it is evangelism every night

Second, it is evangelism of every form

Third, it is evangelism in every thing. Every night, every form, every thing. We examine these three characteristics in a fuller way:

First, the rescue mission is one place where a continuous revival, an every night evangelistic program is in progress. This is true of most of the 200 missions in the International Union of Gospel Missions. Many of them, especially some of the older missions, have never closed at night since their beginning—such as the oldest mission, the Jerry McAuley Water St. Mission, founded in 1873, and the famous Pacific Garden Mission. And, what is even more challenging, is the fact that some one finds Christ in almost every service, and these night services, as we shall see later, are only a part of the program.

There may have been "rice Christians", or shall we say "soup Christians", among some of these converts, but there were also many real substantial miracles of God's saving grace, even though originally they have gone to the altar primarily for a bowl of soup or a bed. Many outstanding twice born men and women have come from that seemingly crude method. As we shall see in a moment, some of America's great evangelists, singers, pastors, and mission superintendents were the product of the bread line type of evangelism.

However, that original method has been largely modified now. In most missions the client has his meal and bed ticket already provided for when he enters the service. We might comment here too that in this war boom when even the drunk can get a job, mission problems are multiplied because of the tremendous decrease in transients. But the day may not be too far distant when the load will reach even greater proportions than ever and our applicants will reflect the tragic after-effects of youth delinquency, drinking among women, defense plant triangle divorces, and the labor let-down. If so, it will only give up a greater opportunity to evangelize "the last, the least, and the lost". The priest and the Levite may still pass by on the other side, but the rescue mission ever be the Good Samaritan.

Second, evangelism in every form may be found in the rescue mission; — mass evangelism with special speakers, Bible conferences, etc.; personal evangelism with training classes, prayer band, and prayer lists; Bible evangelism with Bible study classes; tract evangelism with the familiar tract case to be found in nearly every mission and some operating their own presses; music evangelism, with a large emphasis placed upon both vocal and instrumental, chorus singing, etc.; Open air evangelism, shop meetings, sound cars; summer camps and children's camps; child evangelism with Sunday Schools, Saturday Bible Schools, week day schools, trained children's workers, flannelgraphs, etc.; jail and hospital evangelism, with weekly services, visitation and tract distribution; Jewish evangelism in a number of missions, some exclusively for this work; radio evangelism, with many missions on the air weekly or daily, some for many years; evangelism for boys in boys' clubs and camps; evangelism among mothers; evangelism in the homes with visitation and cottage prayer meetings; youth evangelism with special services and organizations for young people; church evangelism with Gospel teams and twice-born men going into all denominations and all types of churches, even modernistic, to witness definitely to Christ's transforming power; and, more recently, evangelism for the armed forces in service centers, camp services, etc. Some of the best Christian service centers in America are in rescue missions, such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Trenton. But in all these the program is much the same. Briefly, the method emphasizes four things—frequent use of testimony, a large place for live Gospel singing with preference given the old favorites (radio has taught us a valuable lesson here), preaching the Word, and above all, constantly exalting Christ as the only Saviour from sin.

Many missions have all of these activities, and all have some. Let me mention a few examples. Evansville, Ind., and Charleston, W. Va., have a continuous program of mass evangelism, supplemented of course by other kinds. Chicago Christian Industrial League has a well trained personal workers group, prayer room and daily prayer list used most effectively. Sunshine Mission, Chicago, like canton, Ohio, and Indianapolis, has an unusual music program. Its new music tracts are attracting considerable attention. The stories of men and women saved through the singing of the Gospel are too numerous to mention. A successful young pastor in this state (Ohio), saved in a rescue mission, states that it was the Bible class in the mission which kept him straight during his college days.

The Wheeler Mission at Indianapolis has for 12 years printed its own tracts, as have others. Only yesterday, our Bible teacher, Miss Irene Duncan, chaplain in the Indiana Women's Prison, told us of a woman in her noon shop meeting who said with tears of joy, "I have been taking your tracts home to my sick father. He died with your tracts all around his bed." Our hospital visitors tell us again and again of the blessings from tracts left at a bedside. A little Irish Catholic lad in Grand Rapids, moved by the story of Mel Trotter, gave his heart to Christ. Today he is one of four pastors in Indianapolis who came to Christ by way of the rescue mission, one a colored minister. A mission Gospel team went out into a Methodist church to witness, resulting in the conversion of a boy. Today he is himself a Methodist pastor.

There are missions exclusively for children, such as at Minneapolis and Newark, N. J. There are boys clubs, like those at St. Paul, Minn., and New York City, with most marvelous testimonies of the power of the blood to redeem the wayward boy; and children's camps including Washington, D. C., and Charleston, W. Va.

Rescue missions were among the first to realize the value of radio evangelism with broadcasts of the Gospel over many years. Wheeler Mission, the first of these, has been on the air since 1925 and is the oldest program in Indianapolis. Other broadcasts are the Syracuse mission with Amos Phipps and the Chinatown Mission of New York City. Twice the Columbia network has carried the Gospel message in I. U. G. M. programs.

It would be impossible to measure the value of this new field of evangelism. A Roman Catholic, so bitterly opposed to our mission broadcasts that he would go to the basement to avoid hearing them, was saved on his deathbed by a program less than 12 hours before his death. An unbeliever who wrote articles and published a book against the church and the Bible and who was arrested for such attacks in open air meetings, finally renounced his books and asked his wife to burn his manuscripts. Week after week that man wrote us denunciatory letters, picking our messages and the Word of God to pieces—but still he listened, and the sword of the Spirit did its work, unhampered by any human reasoning.

In Chicago a despondent Jew on his way to commit suicide, read in the papers of the dedication of Dawes Center, a mission building originally erected by General Rufus C. Dawes in memory of his son. Out of curiosity he attended and was saved. Today he is in Christian work in Alabama. When a committee from the bank said there could be no religious services in the building, the superintendent replied, "Then we'll not take the building". However in the first week the brother of one of that committee was saved.

This brings us to the third and last consideration—namely, that evangelism is everything in a rescue mission—every night, every kind, everything. The very name "rescue" implies that. Every activity of the mission leads to one end—not membership, not denominational pride, not financial supporters, not rival statistics,—but to Christ Jesus—"soup, soap, and salvation". Every meal, bed, garment, or chair, is an invitation to accept Christ as the Saviour. It is New Testament evangelism as Jesus practiced it and as the early church lived it. In His first sermon Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor". To John in prison He sent word, "the poor have the Gospel preached to them". The Gospel—the Gospel—the Good News; and as you know, the word evangelism comes from the Greek "eu-angelon" meaning good news! "I was an hungered, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison"—that spells rescue missions—but it also spells centrifugal evangelism, going out into the highways and byways. Jesus Himself was called "the Friends of sinners." First deacons in the whole history of Christendom were chosen because the "widows were neglected in the daily ministration" (Acts 6:1) and when the early church set aside Stephen "a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost" as the first mission worker in the church (v. 5) the "work of God increased" (v. 7). Is this not the Divine order?

The mission therefore is a clinic in regeneration. It is more—it is a proving ground for the dyn mite of God (Rom. 1:16) in a of liberalism and doubt. The wor of Mordecai may be appropr "who knoweth whether thou a come to the kingdom for such time as this?" Many a minis seminary and Bible school stu has renewed his loyalty to t Gospel, or kept the keen edge o his testimony by periodic prea ing in the missions of Ameri One of Chicago's leading lib has become a true Gospel prea er by his being asked to speak the missions and witnessing more, the mourner's bench prayer room filled with seek One of America's foremost gelists today, rapidly coming the front in his books and on platform was saved from ism at one of America's known missions. A Chicago worker, after seeing a mi altar scene in a movie of American Bible Society, said Dr. Robert Taylor, the Chi secretary, "I didn't know anyone was getting saved more!" Perhaps this is one of reasons why some of Americ great Christian leaders in e gelism began their work or early experience in "the church overalls", Bishop Freeman's thet for the rescue mission. A them are such men as John W ley, D. L. Moody, Henry Ho Gypsy Smith, Marion Lawr David C. Cook, Williams, fou of the Y, and more recently R Sutcliffe, Harry Ironside, H Rimmer. Sir Hugh Walpole, f ous English author, was onc mission preacher in Liverpool.

That evangelism in the city G pel mission plays is further denced by its products, those only trained in the mission his tory of redemption, but brought from the "guttermost the uttermost" by the shed bl proclaimed night after night the mission window, on the m sion walls, and from the platf each night, with the fam words, "Jesus Saves". We first of course of Billy Sund but there follows a whole trai twice born men and women w the Lord has blessed and

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Denver Churches Unite In Conference On Evangelism

DENVER, Colo. Sept. 4—In e mile high convention city, ligious conferences in the sum r vacation and tourist season unusual, because of many nflicting activities. Such a ference was held successfully the Denver Committee of the tional Association of Evangelicals August 28 to 30. The me was "How to Have a Year und Soul Saving Church." Dr. L. Decker, first vice-president the N.A.E. was the principal aker. All sessions were held the First Evangelical Free urch, which is centrally located splendidly adapted to such an rt.

mong those attending from a ance were Rev. and Mrs. Cal- of the Presbyterian Church, on City, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Decker from Canon City, Dr. E. Lininger of Manitou, Rev. Mrs. Surdam of Shanghai, na, Rev. Nelson of Colorado ings, and Rev. and Mrs. ltz of Longmont, Col. Many l pastors assisted.

he convention opened Monday rnoon at 2 o'clock, with a 45- ute prayer session led by Rev. ua Gravett of the Galilee tist Church. The entire con- nce was marked by an em- sis on prayer as the basis of oul saving activity. Evangel- Carl Harwood spoke on the ect "How to Have Successful ngelistic Campaigns." He from his wide experience and presented many angles and helpful factors: much prayer and intelligent understanding of the task, much personal evangelism, and personal contacts, whole-hearted cooperation between the pastor and evangelist. This message was followed by an open discussion which was very interesting and profitable.

Mr. T. W. McKee spoke on Child Evangelism and showed the necessity of reaching the great masses of children who do not have any church or Sunday School training, with an attractive presentation of the gospel by methods which will drive the truth home to their hearts. He advocated the use of visual aids such as flannel board, pictures, art craft work and other modern helps. All of these should be used in a way to illustrate outstanding gospel texts. He declared that the great need of the church today is the evangelization of the children.

On the evening of the first day, Dr. Decker spoke on the subject, "What Time is it?" His text was Matt. 16:1-3. "It is time to note the great crisis period in which we live." He quoted from a German author, stating there is now a great invasion of evil forces upon the earth, similar to the days before the flood. Multitudes of people today are subnormal and are under strange pressures and influences which affect their subconscious thinking. This causes them to act in an unnatural and psychic manner. Many seem to have a dual personality. There is an urge to overthrow all restraint, both the laws of God and of government. There is a malignant tendency toward evil and violence. 'It is time to awake out of sleep.' Rom. 13:11. 'It is time to repent and seek the Lord.' Hos. 10:12." It was a timely and heart-stirring message, very appropriate for the occasion.

Again on Tuesday, 45 minutes were spent in prayer in the morning, led by C. E. Carlberg, pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church. Dr. Decker again spoke to the conference. His theme "Three Strands in the Rescue Rope." He analyzed the differences between the Calvinists and Arminians, and declared that God used both phases of truth. He stated his belief that an emphasis on both sides of this truth is necessary to explain the operation of God's grace in the human heart. He recalled to his hearers the great work of both Arminian and Calvinist evangelists of past generations who have been used mightily of God for revival.

In the afternoon, after the usual prayer period, Mrs. John Losh of the Judson Baptist Church, ably presented Visual Aid in Sunday School Evangelism. It was followed by a helpful discussion. Rev. William P. Gillis, chairman of the Denver Association of Evangelicals, presented a message on industrial and open air evangelism. He pointed out that all great revivals have featured open air evangelism. "If people will not go to church, they should be reached where they are, Even while the people do not gather in large numbers, such seed sowing is worth while.

"Industrial evangelism is a modern method of reaching men and women with the gospel in industry. Several types of industrial evangelism are being carried on successfully: (1) the old time shop meeting, usually at the luncheon hour; (2) Company sponsored shop services or chapel hours; (3) Christian fellowship clubs sponsored by the employees; (4) Chaplain counseller programs. A number of companies now have employee counsellors or chaplains who are giving full time to personal ministration among the employees, as well as conducting shop services.

"The industrial chaplain has a great opportunity. The factory becomes his parish. Among the employees are many in great need of spiritual help."

Dr. Decker spoke again in the evening.

On Wednesday morning, the prayer session was led by Stafford S. Anderson of Calvary Baptist Church. Dr. Decker addressed the convention on the "Master's Methods of Personal Evangelism." The formal message of the morning was by Rev. J. C. Hoover, the superintendent of Jewish work, who brought an illuminating message on new approaches that win Jews for Christ. In the afternoon, Rev. Larson spoke on Young People's Evangelism. This church is noted for its many young peoples' groups. He regards the secret of success in holding the interest of young people today as the preaching of the Cross of Christ. Dr. H. L. Lininger ably presented the work of week-day Christian Education in the public schools. He stated that one million children in public schools are now being taught the Bible on released time.

The final evening was the climax. A number of churches united their prayer meetings with the conference. Dr. Decker brought the closing message. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit were manifested. All expenses were met without difficulty, and a substantial balance was left over for the work of the committee.

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a recent visit to our nation's l this truth was brought in a new way. The FBI had ht a group of men to Wash- on charges of sedition. One, lliant writer from California, had written attacks against Word of God, was led to through that very Word by ithful prison ministry of a n superintendent, Harvey ce. His testimony printed in ideon magazine glows with ory of redemption. "I was on and ye came unto me." he National Cathedral is a glass window, designed artist Saint, in which John re, a redeemed drunkard, Christ by John Rawes, of America's Keswick, ed as a model for the Good rd! Fifty years of service Whosoever Gospel Mission ladelphia, had transformed unkard into the very like- the Lord Jesus Christ!

Churchwomen Oppose Measure Requiring Fire-Proof Tents For Religious Services

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., (RNS) Sept. 13 — An ordinance requiring that tents, including those used for religious services, be made flameproof was prepared for Chattanooga, but the Billy Sunday Club has adopted a resolution suggesting that the City Commission amend it so that tents used for religious services would not be included.

T. D. Fletcher, attorney and corresponding secretary of the club, said that enactment of the measure in the form prepared would preclude gospel tent meetings here.

"Gospel tents do not present a fire hazard, for they are open all around," Mr. Fletcher asserted. "They do not have fixed entrances and exits, but they have a flap all the way around and people can walk out any place. There has never been a fire in a gospel tent except a few instances of fires of incendiary origin when the tents are unoccupied."

The Baptist Pastors' Conference has also insisted that tents used for religious services are not fire hazards and asked the City Commission to amend the ordinance.

National Lutheran Council Appoints Assistant Director

NEW YORK (RNS) Sept. 14 — The National Lutheran Council has appointed the Rev. Paul C. Empie as assistant executive director. For the past three years, Mr. Empie has been benevolence secretary of the Pennsylvania Ministerium of the United Lutheran Church.

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Leaders of Service Men's Centers Hold Important Conference In Chicago

Evangelical action was the keynote of the recent military evangelism convention held in Chicago at the famous Stevens Ho[illegible] Delegates representing nearly 125 service centers and organizations over the nation formed a national Association of Christian Se Organizations. Elected as co-chairmen by the Executive Committee of the new organization were George E. Engl (left to [illegible]) of the Hospitality House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Harry A. Jaeger (right [illegible]), Director of the Servi Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

National Organization Proposed

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 6 (Special to N.E.A.)—Three years of war have caused to spring up throughout the country innumerable efforts of spiritual aid to men of the armed forces. These many activities, disorganized and sponsored by small groups, have prompted a growing demand for a co-ordination of effort in winning servicemen to Christ.

Recently in Chicago this demand was met in a united conference of workers and directors of Christian Service Centers and related organizations. The scene of the conference was the world famous Stevens Hotel. A few months ago these spacious lobbies and hallways echoed with the noise of tramping feet and vibrant voices of thousands of khaki-clad soldiers. Then came a change; the army which had trained these moved out to battlefields abroad, while Chicago's "city barracks" once more became a civilian hotel. Hardly had the reverberations of marching servicemen died away than a delegation of workers interested in the spiritual welfare of these same men moved into launch a program destined to bring many soldiers to the foot of Calvary.

The conference was called jointly by the Christian Business Men's Committee International and the Navigators. It was, however, an outgrowth of several earlier conferences, one of which was the Work Study Group on Military Evangelism, a part of the annual N.A.E. Convention in Columbus, Ohio, last April, at which time both the C.B.M.C. and the Navigators were petitioned to call a larger, more representative national conference.

The purpose of the conference was to exchange ideas, to further the cause generally, and to plan for a great expansion of our program of winning servicemen to Christ through service centers, personal work and evangelistic ministry. The spirit of unity that prevailed throughout all meetings and discussions was notable. Nearly 125 service centers were represented, 23 of these sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee, and 19 by the Servicemen's Department of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. Delegates who attended the conference from every corner of the continent felt it was an unprecedented success.

Scores of workers related experiences which told of thousands of servicemen accepting Christ. There were the stories of those who dropped on their knees in the confines of service center offices throughout the country. There was the account of many men converted in the park at Denver during the Gideon's convention. From those in contact with servicemen abroad came tales of marvelous conversions aboard ship and in battle zones. There was the challenging report by Dougas Hine of numbers of fellows brought to decision through personal work in trailers, spoken of as "service centers on wheels." No less thrilling were the accounts of wounded men finding Christ because of faithful ministry in hospital wards.

Emphasized throughout the discussions of the conference was the very urgent need of capable personal workers, spiritually and intellectually equipped to bring servicemen to a definite decision for Christ with an undeniable experience. It was heartily agreed that instructors are needed to train such workers. Plans are being formulated whereby experienced teachers will itinerate, conducting courses in active centers for prospective personal workers, instructing them in the special techniques and spiritual approaches necessary to win men effectively for Christ.

Dawson Trotman, head of the Navigators, stressed the fact that the men must be dealt with personally until they themselves have a vital faith based on the Scriptures. In this connection he described the elaborate and very thorough system of Scripture memorization which has been used so successfully by servicemen the world over and is being adopted by workers in many centers as a means of making their results lasting.

Another outstanding need, it was agreed, is an adequate follow up system for keeping in touch with those who have been contacted in the service centers. Harry A. Jaeger, Director of the Servicemen's Department, aroused considerable interest as he explained the system whereby more than 20,000 men in the armed forces are being contacted regularly through a Servicemen's Directory. The names of all men who decide for Christ in any of the 19 centers sponsored by the department are submitted to this master directory in Springfield for a close follow up by letters, literature, and personal contact with field evangelists.

In regard to a post war program for servicemen and service centers, the general trend of thought was expressed in the following statement from the floor, "An outlet of Christian service for church and young people has been created which can not be discontinued. A place of Christian fellowship has been provided which must be carried on. Our plan is to convert these centers right in the heart of town into youth activity centers carrying on a live-wire program for young people."

Paul B. Fischer, Secretary Christian Business Men's Committee International, Chicago, voiced the same thought must have places," he "where Christian young can get together beyond national lines after the

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Action "Shots" Of The National Service Center Conference In Chicago

(1) Speaking before a packed conference room is Evangelist Raymond T. Richey, of the Red, White and Blue Tent—a portable service center on national tour.

(2) Conferees in humorous mood make up the audience of a main session in the Stevens Hotel. Left to right, they are: James H. [illegible], Director of Ship-A-Hoy Service Center, Incorporated, Geneva, New York, and member of the Executive Committee; Fred Alexander (rear), Director of Victory Service Center, Salina, Kansas; Joseph Keating Jr., Executive Committee member and director of Christian Fellowship Center, Trenton, New Jersey; Dick Hightower, Director of [illegible] Center, New York City; Martin E. Brandt, executive secretary of the Church Council for Men in Service, Free Methodist Church; Harry M. Myers and Harry A. Jaeger, Servicemen's Department, Gospel Publishing House.

(3) In center front row of this close-up picture of delegates are (left) Paul B. Fischer, of Chicago, Secretary of the Christian Businessmen's Committee International, and (right) Dawson Trotman, of South Pasadena, California, Director of the Navigators. The two aforementioned organizations jointly called this Service Center Conference. (Second row, left to right) Harry Jaeger; Douglas Hine, secretary-treasurer of Association; (over) Andrew Chisholm, Supervisor of Soldier's and Ai Christian Association, of Toronto, Canada, was chosen as on the eleven members of the Executive Committee.

(4) Evangelist John Ferguson, George England, Myers (left), with other delegates, look over the hundre more posters displayed at the conference showing the sc service center work.

(5) Mrs. [illegible] Swain, of the Nashville, Tennessee Ce and Roy [illegible] (rear) of Rockford, Illinois (representing Gideons International), found the colored posters of sp interest.

(6) This general action view shows the conferees after close of the last session of the convention which, according an executive spokesman, was an "overwhelming success." (to right) Raymond T. Richey, Clyde E. Taylor, Columbus Executive of the Bible Meditation League, and B. A. Cri Director of the Victory Service Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, foreground.

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ng the Christian boys her- ed now."

ersley E. Wood, representing of the oldest service centers the United States, the Hospitality Center, of Philadelphia, nsylvania, said that as part of the Philadelphia [illegible] talists he desired to cooper- in every way possible with action that might be taken st war planning. Already have made definite plans ring a post war Christian re- bilitation program. Mr. Wood luded, "The [illegible] coming back are going to a tremendous [illegible] will be the [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] those who had no [illegible] when they left but came hoping for something and ligion; group after group of women who will need special try. A thousand and one are being prepared for the war era—we believe it is time to awaken to our re- bility."

stin Brandt, Executive Sec- y of the Church Council for in Service, Free Methodist ch, urged that consideration iven to a workable plan n the local center can sug- to churches for receiving re- ng servicemen. Mr. Brandt sents a very complete pro- being carried on by his de- ization in providing spiritual ct for their men in the d forces.

last morning of the confer- brought forth a spontaneous d for a welding together fellowship have expand- by a closer association in al activities of service cen- Joseph Keating, Jr., of the ian Fellowship Center, , New Jersey, presented a tion expressing the possibil- for the need of united the resolution reading in as follows:

Whereas certain benefits can derived from a voluntary ciation of those organizat- work among servicemen women, which is recognized the church, the government the public as a bona fide nization; and

Whereas the need for pre- ng Christ to the world in al and to our servicemen particular is essential; and

Whereas a sharing of ideas, hods, and policies can be mutual benefit to all; there-

e It Resolved that an Ex- tive Committee be elected all registered conference pres- in this meeting for the pur- e of making a study of the ts mentioned above, then paring a statement to be ented to all conferees by il for their consideration and roval."

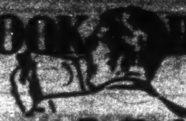
eaking on behalf of the reso- n, Mr. Keating emphasized ct that its purpose was not o form another organization rather that we unite our s on a fellowship basis, co- tive in spirit, independent trol, declaring ourselves to fundamental group, one for purpose—the winning of He warned against the pre- tendency of pulling away the church. "This note l be sounded," he added, we are not working against pastors, but co-operating them to one great end." Mr. g pointed out further ad- ges of the organization in ment recognition, in facili- the establishment of new centers, and in providing information for servicemen regarding centers throughout the country.

Favorable action upon this resolution culminated in the formation of an organization known as the Association of Christian Service Organizations, with the following Executive Committee elected by the conference: James H. [illegible], Andrew [illegible], E. W. [illegible], George England, [illegible] R. [illegible], Douglas Hine, Harry A. Jaeger, Joseph Keating Jr., Dawson Trotman, David Morken, Frank Sheriff.

George England, of the Hospitality House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Harry A. Jaeger, are co-chairmen of the new organization, and Douglas Hine is secretary-treasurer.

Twelve suggested plans of operation were left in the hands of the committee which expects to meet at an early date for the further establishing of purposes and policies of the Association.

BOOK REVIEWS



By Charles G. E. [illegible]

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE PEOPLE

By Muriel Streibert Curtis

This book may be described as a Primer on Modernism. The [illegible] [illegible] is elementary [illegible] the weak and washed out [illegible] of so-called liberal thought. Because of its nature and approach, it is the last book Evangelicals would select for a child's [illegible]. A few examples must suffice.

We are told that "Most scholars are sure that Moses did not write the first five books of the Bible." "A man of Judah whose name we don't know decided to write a book ——— he was a fine story-teller. Later on a man in the northern kingdom made his choice of the old stories, and still later a priest went back to the very beginning and wrote of the early years in a way that suited him. For a while these writings were kept separate and then they were woven together, so that now the book of Genesis reads as if it had been done all at once by one man. *BUT IT IS REALLY LIKE A SCRAPBOOK MADE WITH SCISSORS AND PASTE.*" The author does not state her authority for this view.

Respecting the plagues of Egypt, we read that, "All people thought then that *the gods sent plagues and disasters* when they wanted to punish men."

As to the Ten Commandments, the child is told that these are "JUST AS IMPORTANT WHETHER THEY CAME FROM THE TIME OF MOSES, OR WERE WRITTEN LATER, AND THEN CONNECTED WITH HIS NAME."

Jonah is a "parable story." Daniel constitutes a story "told by a man just before the Maccabean brothers had won all their victories. It was told to give the people courage." The Christmas Story "Can be received as the 'truth of meaning such as we find in poetry'—here the meaning is everything . . . for whichever way we understand these stories . . . folks rejoice." In the temptation, Jesus "faced several possible ways (for establishing His kingdom) *that appealed to Him for a while, but there was something wrong about each.*"

It is true that the writer will inform the child to the effect that "some believe" in miracles, but the reader is always brought back to the liberal position, after which it is insisted that the "spiritual kind of power . . . is what matters most." This pattern dominates the book, and it colors also the Christmas Story.

One drops this book with a feeling of amazement and embarrassment at the shallow findings of so-called modernism when compelled to appear in the court of truth; and sadness, as one discovers that there are those (in increasing numbers) who offer the little one the stone of human reasoning in place of THE BREAD OF LIFE.

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Swedish Baptists Vote Name Change

ST. PAUL, Minn., (RNS) Sept. 11 — Elimination of the word "Swedish" from its name was voted by the Minnesota Swedish Baptist Conference at its eighty-sixth annual session here.

New name adopted was "Minnesota Baptist Conference."

Reason given for the change, an official pointed out, is that conference churches include a number of members not of Swedish descent and that the conference "serves a wider community than the name indicates."

(Similar action in dropping foreign labels from their names was taken at conventions of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and United Danish Lutheran Church in America at their conventions in Minneapolis last summer.)

Major Carl [illegible], army chaplain at Fort Knox, Ky., warned the conference that unless the church remains alert it may loose many of the gains made among service men and women.

Dr. H. H. Parish, administrative director of the United Temperance Movement of Minnesota, told delegates the federal government should recognize alcoholism as a [illegible] disease and work for its elimination as it is doing for tuberculosis and syphilis.

Until support of civic and governmental agencies is enlisted, Dr. Parish said the church would have to carry on the fight against alcoholism "practically alone."

Wants Baptist Delegation To Go To Russia

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS) Sept. 11 — Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, said he has suggested to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Maddry of Richmond, Va., that Southern Baptists should "send three strong Southern Baptist leaders to Russia to implore the Russian government to open missionary doors now to Baptist missionaries."

It is known that plans have been made to do Baptist mission work in the Soviet at the war's end. "Why wait until the war is over," Dr. Bridges asked. "We may be passing up glorious opportunities."

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New England Youth Rally Attracts 5000 Young People

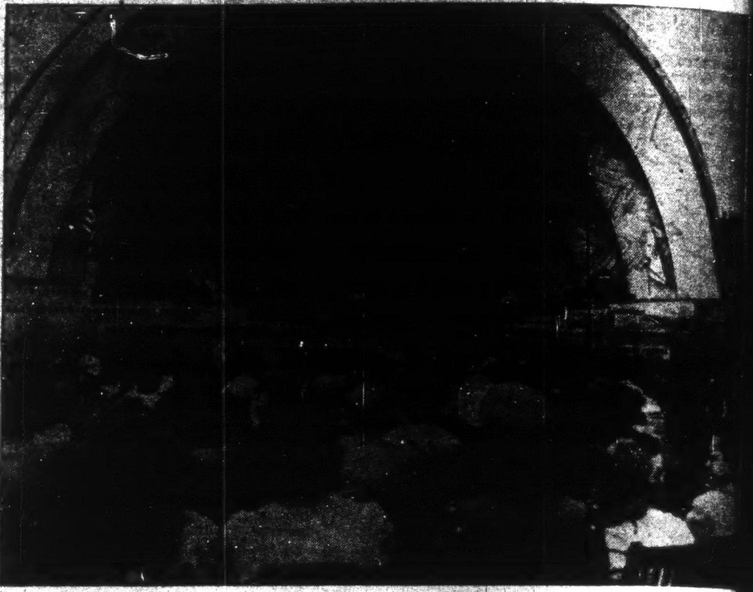
Ferrin, Booth, Ockenga Lead First Rally Off To A Splendid Start

After months of pondering how to promote a New England Youth for Christ movement, Rev. John A. Huffman, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Cambridge, vice-president of Winona Lake School of Theology, and where he also holds the chair of Practical Theology, launched the first great crusade on Saturday, Sept. 9. He was aided by F. Carlton Booth, of Providence Bible Institute, who is also the musical director and associate of Jack Wyrtstitute, and also the musical director and associate of Jack Wyrtzen on the Word of Life Hour of New York. Mr. Wyrtzen loaned Carlton Booth for this opening meeting.

Five thousand young people gathered out in the Esplanade, along the beautiful Charles River, to hear the musical numbers presented from the Hatch Memorial Shell, located on this site. Words cannot portray the beauty of the scene, with the yachts sailing up and down the river, occasionally stopping to hear the music.

Later in the evening, after the program at the shell, more than 1500 gathered at Park Street Church, while hundreds more were turned away. Howard W. Ferrin, President of Providence Bible Institute, brought a stirring message, challenging young people to live completely for Christ.

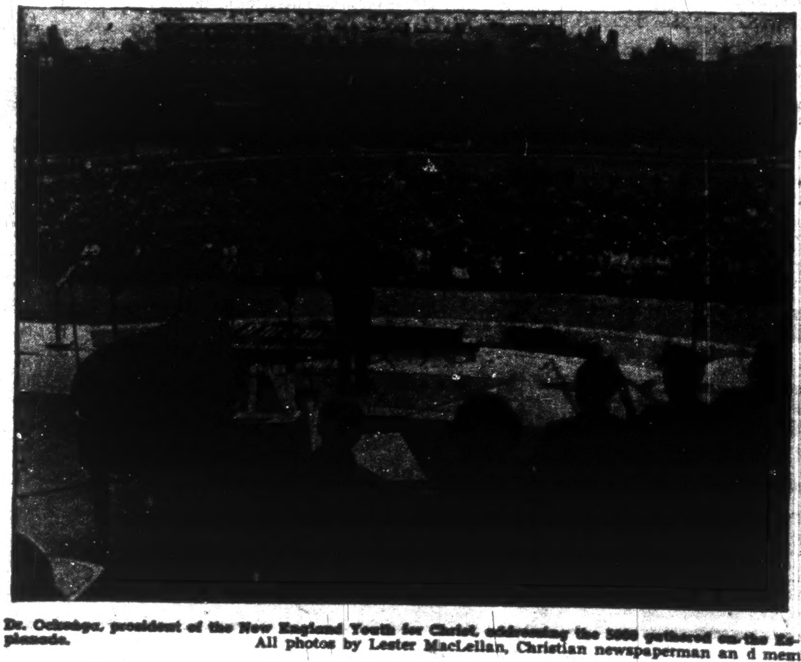
A pictorial presentation of this is presented to the readers of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION. Rallies will be held every Saturday night at Park Street Church, where Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Past-President of the National Association of Evangelicals, is pastor, and also president of the New England Youth For Christ Movement. We urge readers everywhere to pray that this movement may mean much in winning youth in this Eastern section of the country for Christ. These rallies are sponsored by the Radio Committee of N. A. E. of New England.



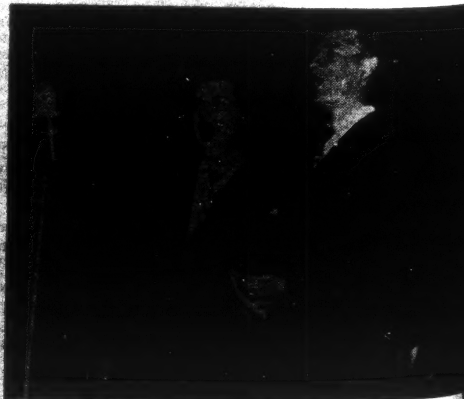
A view of the beautiful Hatch Memorial Shell where New England Youth for Christ rallies launched. Miss Rose Phillips of the New England Fellowship is at the mike.

Here is Carlton Booth singing a favorite song that everybody likes to hear from the consecrated voice of this gospel singer, the greatest soloist and song leader since the days of Moody and Sankey.

Dr. Ockenga appears to be putting a stop watch on Carlto during the broadcast over WBZ at the Shell.



Dr. Ockenga, president of the New England Youth for Christ, addressing the 5000 gathered on the Esplanade.



Vesy Stemm of the Evangelical Hour, and Miss Alice Far soprano soloist of Tremont Temple, singing a duet before th crowd of Young People.

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